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PEPTIDE PRODUCING METHOD

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed on July 25, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 11 of this response.

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